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The following observations were made in WISMAR (M 54/T 49):

1. Flak Kaserne on Luebschestrassse: Occupied by tank, artillery and infantry units totaling about three thousand troops. The guns of the artillery units, allegedly one light battalion and one heavy battalion, were stored in the garages of the kaserne. There were 76.2-mm AT guns, light field and heavy field guns with caterpillar tractors, according to local residents. Twenty-four armored vehicles, including type SU 76, were seen in the training area behind the kaserne. Local residents reported seeing about 40 tanks moving into the kaserne in late September 1949. About five hundred troops were being drilled in the large training area. The following motor vehicles were

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2. Soviet kommandatura in the former Finanzamt (finance office on Dr.-Lebenstrasse: Guard unit of about 120 troops.
3. Former engineering school on Ulmenstrasse and Wilhelmstrasse: Harbor guard unit of about two hundred troops.

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a. The observations made on 16 October 1949 indicate that WISMAR units, which were previously reported to have participated in the large-scale Third Shock Army maneuvers held in the BURG-GENTHIN-BELZIG area during the first half of October 1949, were allegedly back in their military post by mid-October 1949.

b. The 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Rgt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and Third Shock Army Hq units have so far been assumed to be stationed in WISMAR. As the tank unit stationed there was allegedly also equipped with [redacted] self-propelled guns it is possible that either the 117th Gds AT Arty Rgt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or an AAA unit (Hq unit of the Third Shock Army) may also be stationed in WISMAR.

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[REDACTED] the 117th Gds AT Arty Regt was located
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